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Deaths from plague, districts of Bombay Presidency, 1904.

	District.	Popula- tion, 1901.	October.	November.
1	Ahmedabad	795,344	703	109
2	Kaira	716,253	1,025	406
3	Surat	636,882	1,485	473
4	Khandesh	1,426,805	1,963	966
5	Nasik	815,349	3,136	2,404
6	Poona	989,102	522	494
7	Satara	1,146,030	7,695	6,774
8	Sholapur	720,587	780	773
9	Ahmednagar	836,817	1,887	1,204
10	Belgaum	992,262	4,322	2,686
11	Dharwar	1,112,612	3,953	3,471
12	Bijapur	735,400	4,925	4,095
13	Kolhapur		3,718	3,852
14	Kathiawar		1,671	400
15	Baroda		1,804	709
16	Satara Agency		73	587

Districts 1 to 3, in the province of Guzerat, as well as districts 14 and 15, which are native feudatory states within that same province, show a definite and marked decrease in plague mortality during November.

Districts 4 to 9, in the central and western provinces, all show a decrease during November, not quite so marked as in the first group.

Districts 10 to 12, in the southern province, show even a less marked decrease, while districts 13 and 16, native states within that province, show an actual increase.

The deaths from plague in Bombay city and Karachi city did not vary markedly during November from the record in October. But Poona city again showed a great increase, the progress being as follows:

Deaths from plague, Poona city, 1904.

August	12
September	72
October	- 657
November	1,338

Since June 1, 1904, and up to November 30, 1904, there were, among Europeans, 4 deaths from plague in Bombay city and none in the remainder of the presidency.

Reports from Calcutta—Inspection of vessels—Cholera and plague mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakin reports, January 5, as follows:

During the week ended December 31, 1904, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Tannenfels*, bound to Boston and New York with a total crew of 63. The usual precautions were taken, holds were fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines and Lascars' effects disinfected.

During the week ended December 24, 1904, there were 129 deaths from cholera and 18 deaths from plague in Calcutta, and during the week ended December 31, 1904, there were 101 deaths from cholera and 18 deaths from plague.

In Bengal during the week ended December 17, 1904, there were 1,959 cases of and 1,632 deaths from plague, and during the week ended December 24, 1904, 2,391 cases and 2,023 deaths.

In India during the week ended December 17, 1904, there were

21,785 cases of and 18,284 deaths from plague, and during the week ended December 24, 1904, 23,481 cases and 19,465 deaths.

During the week ended January 7, 1905, bills of health were issued to the steamship *Ilderton*, bound to New York with a crew of 25; to steamship *Clan Macmillan*, bound to Boston and New York with a crew of 44, and to steamship *Tioga*, bound to Philadelphia with a crew of 53. The usual precautions were taken, holds were fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines and Lascars' effects disinfected.

During the week ended January 7, 1905, there were 74 deaths from cholera and 31 deaths from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal, during the week ended December 31, 1904, there were 2,876 cases of and 2,514 deaths from plague.

In India, during the week ended December 31, 1904, there were 27,294 cases of and 22,645 deaths from plague.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Infectious diseases in Italy and other countries—Cholera, plague, and smallpox in various countries—Quarantine regulations—Anchylostomiasis in Germany—Prophylaxis against malaria in the Roman campagna.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, January 16, as follows:

During the week ended January 14, 1905, the following ships were inspected at Naples, Messina, and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Jan. 8	Napolitan Prince	New York	280	34	560	14
10	Prinz Oskar	do	225	25	450	8
11	Germania	do	446	90	720	13
12	Liguria	do	312	35	500	11
13	Königin Luise	do	454	45	620	6
14	Cretic	do	271	25	430	8

MESSINA.

Jan. 9	Napolitan Prince	New York	41	25	123	15
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PALERMO.

Jan. 8	Calabria	New York	76	25	110	9
10	Napolitan Prince	do	263	80	375	35

ITALY—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

For the week ended January 12, 1905, the following reports were officially registered:

Smallpox.—The epidemic is considerably declining in the province of Lecce. There were reported at S. Vito dei Normanni, the chief center of infection, 7 cases only, and 26 cases in 12 other communes of the same province.